

FISCAL NOTE

HB 572 - SB 785

February 24, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Places a moratorium on the establishment of any new municipal courts if such court is not established by January 1, 2003 until the Judicial Council completes a study on the matter and the General Assembly has a session to review the Judicial Council's recommendations.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact -Increases in state expenditures for district attorneys general and public defenders to staff new municipal courts will be avoided during the period of the moratorium. The shift in local government revenues from court fees, fines and taxes from the county government to city governments will be delayed during the period of the moratorium.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director